REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 23-44 are in the case.

The claims have been amended to add a status identifier for claims 1-22 which are cancelled. No new matter is entered.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:

Leonard C. Mitchard Reg. No. 29,009

LCM:Iff 901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor Arlington, VA 22203-1808

Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100